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Sacred Concert This Evening
Gives All Victorians an
Opportunity.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, April 28.—Splendid executive ability is being shown in the organization of relief measures. Generous subscriptions are pouring in from Great Britain, the United States and Canada. Strathcona gives the princely donation of \$25,000.

Shelter huts are being erected in Hull to-day to accommodate the homeless.

Lord Minto is a frequent visitor to the different shelters.

The Ottawa ladies have dropped their society functions and are now actively engaged in relief work. The Athletic Club members are lending willing hands, and the Salvation Army are doing good work.

A car of meat came from Montreal to-day, and two cars of provisions from the Eaton Co., of Toronto.

A feature of the Hull losses is the destruction of the records of titles to property.

The Catholic Archbishops of Ottawa and Montreal will issue pastoral on Monday to the priests of their dioceses asking them to take up collections for the relief of the sufferers.

The mayor of Detroit has telegraphed sympathy and signifies his intention of sending relief from that city.

Montreal, April 28.—The city council met to-day and passed resolutions of sympathy with the sufferers by the Ottawa and Hull fire, and instructed the finance committee to recommend a money vote.

Thos. Taft, manager of the eastern division of the C. P. R., has received a cable despatch from Dr. Seward Webb, who subscribes \$500 to the Ottawa relief fund from Mrs. Webb's own purse.

He also expresses the deepest sympathy for those rendered destitute by the fire.

Winnipeg, April 28.—F. W. Thompson, general manager of the W. W. Ogilvie Milling Co., has authorized the subscription of \$100 towards the relief fund for Ottawa and Hull sufferers.

There was no express from the East to-day, the thoroughfare of the railway being delayed owing to the Ottawa fire having obstructed traffic.

New York, April 28.—Mayor Van Wyck having received the appeal from the Mayor of Ottawa immediately issued the following proclamation:

"To the people of New York: The Mayor of the city of Ottawa, Canada, has informed me that the terrible disaster which has befallen that city has resulted in the loss of life and property, and that the people of that city are in a state of dire distress. In view of the fact that the city of Ottawa is a sister city of New York, and that the people of that city are our fellow citizens, I hereby call upon the people of this city, ever ready in coming to the aid of the afflicted, to respond with their generous assistance and sympathy to the appeal for relief from the Mayor of Ottawa. I have appointed the Hon. Bird S. Coler, controller of the city of New York, to receive contributions for the relief of the afflicted cities."

Buffalo, April 28.—Mayor Diehl to-night arranged to send \$1,000 to the Ottawa fire sufferers. The money will go by telegraph to the city of Hull, and will be used for the relief of the sufferers.

The executive committee of the fund cheerfully turned it over to Mayor Diehl when he stated that a message from Mayor Payment of Ottawa had told him that money would be the most acceptable assistance that could be rendered at this time.

Boston, Mass., April 28.—Mayor Hart to-day received a telegram from the Mayor of Ottawa in response to one sent from this city enquiring if the Canadian capital needed help. The Mayor of Ottawa said that assistance was greatly needed and upon receipt of the telegram Mayor Hart issued a call for a public meeting to consider the matter next Monday.

London, April 28.—After a consultation with the Canadian High Commissioner, the Lord Mayor has decided to open immediately a Mansion House fund for the relief of the homeless people of Ottawa. A stock exchange of the 35th Regiment that were on duty in the South during the Spanish war. The executive committee of the fund cheerfully turned it over to Mayor Diehl when he stated that a message from Mayor Payment of Ottawa had told him that money would be the most acceptable assistance that could be rendered at this time.

The Homeless and Destitute
Sacred Concert at Drill Hall To-night
for Victims of the Great Fire.

Victorians have always been ready to render generous assistance when any sister city has been visited by calamity, and there is every reason why the same commendable spirit should be shown now, when the distress occasioned by the fire at Ottawa and Hull calls for prompt relief. Bandmaster Finn and the members of the Regiment have been engaged for the thanks of the community for setting up this evening's sacred concert at the Drill Hall in this behalf, and thus providing an opportunity for every one to contribute a mite towards a very worthy object. The regimental band has

frequently in the past given its services gratuitously in aid of any charitable undertaking, and it was not to be forgotten that the citizens are indebted to it for many delightful free concerts at Beacon Hill park. In view of this and the worthy cause for which the band is now performing, it would be well for the public to show its appreciation of the band's efforts in the strongest possible manner—by crowding the drill hall to the limit of its capacity. It is to be hoped that the attendance this evening will be a record breaker, in order that the sum realized may be of a substantial nature. The price of admission is a mere trifle, and no one should have an excuse for staying away. The selections, both instrumental and vocal, are sacred, and a glance at the numbers on the programme will reveal what a treat is in store for those who attend. The presence of such singers as Messrs. Brown, Kent and Goward, Mrs. Holmeck and the Misses Lowmer and Lombard leaves little to be desired in the vocal line.

Subscription lists for the Ottawa and Hull sufferers have been opened at the Colonist and Times offices. At the Colonist office, Rev. Canon Padden has contributed \$5, and "A. D." \$1. Dr. T. J. Jones and Neil McArthur have forwarded \$5 and \$2.50 respectively, to the Times.

His Worship Mayor Hayward will be pleased to forward contributions. He has already received \$50 from David Spence of the Arcade. Yesterday Mayor Hayward received the following despatch:

"City of Hull wiped out of existence; western part of Ottawa completely destroyed; 20,000 homeless; can you help?"

"T. PAYMENT."
"Mayor, Ottawa."

Another hand concert will be given next week in aid of the fund, and notice of the two charitable entertainments will be made in all the city churches to-day.

BOY INCENDIARIES.
Fort Arthur, April 28.—The police have arrested two boys under fifteen, who started three fires yesterday. They acknowledge their guilt and have been remanded for eight days. They are named Wright and Merritt.

WINNIEP SMALLPOX.
Winnipeg, April 28.—Three new cases of smallpox have developed since last evening, bringing the total number of patients up to fourteen.

ENLARGING HIS OPPORTUNITIES.
Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt Assumes Business Management of the Granby Mining Company.

An important change in the business community of Victoria is indicated in the resignation of Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt from the management of the British Columbia affairs of the Ames-Holmes Co., which has been taken over by Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt.

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Vancouver's News Budget

Proposed Steamers to Central
America—Japanese for
the Canneries.

Northern Ice Travel at an End
—The Stave Lake Power
Scheme Accepted.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, April 28.—The directors of the Stave Lake Power Company met to-day to consider the proposition of the London & Pacific Gold Fields Company to put up the necessary capital to construct their big power plant to supply power to Vancouver by electricity. After the meeting the directors would not say officially that the proposition was accepted but it was learned indirectly that not a single director was opposed to accepting the proposition but the directors were bound to secrecy until some important details were settled when acceptance would be called to the London capital.

The steamship Cutch arrived in port to-day from the North confirming the report that the police have forbidden all parties to use the lakes, owing to the homecoming condition of the ice.

M. Jean de Lamarre, the automobile man, who was a passenger, said he was in no way discouraged by his failure to reach Dawson. He found the automobile had had with him unsatisfied to such a trip not having high enough horse power, while the carriage stood too near the ground for some parts of the route. He knew exactly what was needed now and would bring out a large specially constructed machine on his next trip, a carriage which would enable him to take the party to Dawson in double quick time.

The premises at 616 Cordova street, owned by the police, were seized and the boys arrested. They were afterwards allowed to go on promising to give evidence regarding a "black-jack" game alleged to have been played in the back room on Tuesday night.

The Combined Canneries of British Columbia, Limited, are busy contracting for the coming season. It is possible that Japanese may displace the Chinese inside the canneries, and at present hundreds of Japanese are being shipped north for the Skeena river.

S. Yet, an English capitalist, is in the city attempting to interest local capitalists in establishing a line of steamers between Victoria, Vancouver and Mexico and to the Gulf of California.

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A CALAMITY BY FIRE!

Ottawa and Hull Devastated by Conflagration More Widespread Than Any Former Visitation of Great Lumbering District—Fifteen Thousand Homeless and in Dire Distress.

Eddy Enterprises Among First Victims and Completely Consumed—Sixty Mile Gale Sends Sheets of Flame Across to Ottawa Side—All Lumber Mills and Yards Taken and Entire Western Suburbs Swept Away.

McKay and Martin Flour Mills, Carbide Works, Foundries, Electric Light and Power Houses in Ruins—Residences of Millionaires and Humble Homes of Many Thousands—Parliament Adjourns and Government Calls Fire Fighters From Many Quarters.

From Our Own Correspondent.

OTTAWA, APRIL 26.—Fifteen thousand people are homeless in Ottawa and Hull to-night. Three thousand dwellings, and buildings have been destroyed, and twenty million dollars' worth of property, has gone up in smoke.

Fire which broke out in Hull, fanned by a sixty mile an hour gale, made a clean sweep there, including Eddy's splendid works, then crossed to Booth's, in Ottawa, wiped out the Chaudier district around the Canadian Pacific Station, and travelled west and southerly a mile and a half making a clean sweep.

It is the greatest calamity which has ever overtaken this section.

Montreal, and Brockville sent fire fighters, while men from Peterboro, Toronto, Hamilton and other places are now en route.

Many homeless ones are to night quartered at the Drill Hall.

LONDON APRIL 27.—The Times says editorially this morning: Great Britain must help Canada, who is lavishing her blood and treasure in South Africa, by contributing funds for the victims of the Ottawa fire."

By Associated Press.

Ottawa, April 27.—Five square miles of city burned over, more than 2,500 dwellings, factories, mills, stores and other buildings destroyed, entailing a loss estimated to reach \$20,000,000, and 15,000 women and children homeless, is the rough estimate early this morning of a fire which has been raging at Hull and in Ottawa since 11 o'clock yesterday morning and up to midnight was not yet completely under control.

Most of the lumber piles of Ottawa and Hull are now mere heaps of charred wood and ashes. Half a dozen churches and schools have been burned.

The Eddy Company's paper pulp mill, match factory and their entire establishments, with the exception only of the sulphide works, which were out of the line of fire, have been destroyed. Bronson & Weston's mill, the Hull Lumber Company's mill, one of Booth's mills, the McKay Flour Milling Company's premises, one of the power houses of the Ottawa Electric Company, the Hull waterworks, the Hull court house, and the post office, the convent, and almost every business place, as well as about 1,000 dwellings and shops in Hull have been destroyed. Indeed, practically nothing of Hull is left but the few Roman Catholic church and a few houses beyond it.

The fire broke out in the house of Mr. Kirose, of Hull. It is understood that Mrs. Kirose had just lit her stove to get the family dinner, and set the chimney on fire. The flames spread to the roof and quickly communicated to adjoining houses, and as there was a heavy gale blowing at the time the fire very soon got beyond control. The spot where the fire originated is about a quarter of a mile from Main street, Hull.

Explosion at Johannesburg

Ammunition Works Destroyed and British Sympathisers Suspected.

Further Expulsions Therefore Ordered—Talk of Retrial on the Mines.

SULTAN PAYING UP.

Pretoria, April 25.—A serious explosion occurred last night at the Begbie works at Johannesburg, as an arsenal. The walls of the building were destroyed, and structures in the neighborhood are a mass of flames. The shrieks of women and children in the adjoining street added to the ghastliness of the scene. The cause of the explosion is unknown. The works employed 200 persons, mostly French and Italians. The Red Cross ambulance did good work in helping the wounded.

Another batch of British subjects, consisting of ten men, 263 women and 429 children, have been put over the border and are going to Delagoa Bay. London, April 27.—The Constantine correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "In addition to rebuilding the American structure at Khartoum the Sultan has found a way of paying the indemnity to America by ordering a cruiser to be built in the United States, the cost of which will include the \$20,000 claimed. By this drastic move he hopes to shelve the question of principle and to avoid giving the powers a pretext for pressing their claims."

CHOLERA IN INDIA.

This Scourge Added to Horrors of the Famine—Raging at Great Relief Camp.

London, April 27.—A special despatch from Bombay says: "The cholera is raging fearfully at the great camp at Godra, where thousands of famine stricken natives are receiving relief. A hundred and fifty corpses were removed yesterday; 100 others had to be left because it was impossible to procure bearers."

Fleeing Boers' Narrow Escape

Avoiding Alderson's Hot Pursuit They Found Rundle Blocking Path.

New Commander Came Just in Time to Plan the Retreat From Wepener.

SULTAN PAYING UP.

But to Save Appearances Wants American Claim Added to Price of Cruiser.

London, April 27.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Thursday, says: "There appears to be little chance of inflicting effective punishment on the retreating Boers. Commander Gen. Louis Botha, who arrived at Dewetsdorp yesterday, realized the situation at once and ordered the immediate withdrawal of the Boers both from there and Wepener."

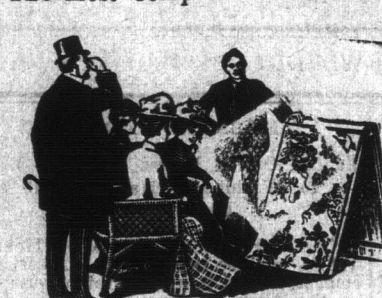
Other Bloemfontein despatches throw interesting points of light upon the situation. One special says: "Seven hundred and fifty wagons of a Boer heavy transport train have reached Kroonstad from the south. Only light wagons have been left behind. The Boers have organized a specially mounted corps for foraging and other work requiring special mobility."

Another despatch reports that before the Boers were driven from Dewetsdorp about seven thousand of them had been slowly retiring towards Ladybrand, where large supplies are stored and immense corn fields are ready for harvesting.

The Daily Chronicle has the following from Van Bank, dated Wednesday, April 25: "For two days the Boers

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have been fighting a series of rear-guard actions. Crossing the Modder river here and hotly pursued by Gen. Alderson, they got into the kopjes southeast of the crossing and narrowly missed being captured by Gen. Rundle, who was coming from the other direction, but on sighting his advance they turned eastward and slipped away between Gen. Alderson and Gen. Rundle.

A prisoner just captured asserts that President Steyn was present during Monday's fighting at Slangfontein, east of Leeuw Kop. He had shaved his beard, so that he was not known easily.

Dewetsdorp, April 26.—Gen. French's and Gen. Hunter's forces left to-day, going in different directions. Gen. Chermide remains to garrison the district to search for arms and to restore order.

A TEXAS TORNADO.

Makes Havoc in Small Town and Fatally Injures Many Persons.

Dallas, Tex., April 27.—A tornado passed through the southern part of Johnson and northern part of Hill counties about noon to-day. In Hill county the town of Blum, about 75 miles south-east of Dallas, was partly destroyed and several persons fatally injured.

The public school houses were wrecked and two pupils badly hurt. About a dozen dwellings were destroyed in addition to the school building, and the Baptist church was wrecked.

MAKING REPORTS AGAIN.

Making the Best of Desperate Situation—Boer Cruelty to Native Women.

London, April 26.—The war office has received the following message from Lord Roberts: "The Boers are still there, and the prospects are not very bright."

The report that the Boers had been driven from the north is untrue. Lord Methuen is still there, and the prospects are not very bright. The Boers are still there, and the prospects are not very bright.

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The Boers Escaping

Retreat From Free State Well Managed and Capture is Less Probable.

Roberts at Last Ready for General Advance Across the Vaal River.

Col. Otter Slightly Wounded in Latest Engagement of the Canadians.

London, April 28.—(4:55 a.m.)—In Commandant Gen. Louis Botha the Boers appear to have found a capable successor to Joubert. As a result of his insight and quick decision it may be assumed that the retreating commandoes have gotten safely away with the transport.

It is true that Lord Roberts' despatch leaves much unsaid as to the whereabouts of other forces than those of Gen. French and Gen. Rundle. Nothing is said about the troops of Gen. Brabant, Gen. Pole-Carew, Hart and Chermide, but the indications from the Alval North show that several small commandoes are still hovering in the vicinity of Springfield, causing a certain amount of danger, and the services from Dewetsdorp outlining the duties of Gen. Chermide justify the conclusion that it will still be necessary to employ a considerable body of troops to keep the Free State clear of Boers.

The significance of Gen. Hunter's division going to Kimberley, where mounted troops are also arriving daily, is now said to be a serious attempt to deal with the strong Boer forces in the Vaal river, threatening to retake Barkley, and then an endeavor to relieve Mafeking.

London, April 27.—A despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, April 27, gives Gen. Ian Hamilton's report of the British casualties at Slangfontein on April 26. Among those slightly wounded is Col. W. D. Otter, of Canada. Gen. Hamilton reports that the Canadians and Marshall's Horse, splendidly, and could not have done any better.

Additional casualties thus far reported in Ian Hamilton's Mounted Infantry were Lieuts. Barry and Hill, wounded, both of Marshall's Horse, the former severely, the latter slightly. Under Gen. Brabant, after recommissioning as far as Wepener, returned to Dewetsdorp this morning.

Alval North, April 27.—It is reported that there are three hundred Boers at Bosman's Kop, in the Smithfield district, one hundred at Smithfield, four hundred at Slangfontein, and two hundred at Stry's Kop, and two hundred with two guns at Kleiter Drift, Caledon river.

London, April 28.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Morning Post, telegraphing Thursday, says: "Most satisfactory progress has been made in the accumulation of stores during the present week, supply park now presenting a respectable appearance. The prospects of a general advance are now more favorable."

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A USEFUL DICTIONARY

What Will Prove a Handy Reference During the Course of the War in South Africa.

Here is a descriptive list of names of persons, places and articles that will be in constant use during the course of the war in the Transvaal, taken from a foreign journal.

Afrikaner.—A white man born in South Africa of European stock.

Afrikaner Bond.—A political association formed to protect the interests of Africa for the Afrikaners, not altogether anti-British, but not obtrusively loyal.

Barberton.—One of the earliest Transvaal gold fields. Population about 2,000 miles inland.

Berg.—A mountain or considerable hill. Biltong.—Boer provender; only form of commissariat—strips of meat, preferably buck (venison), dried in the sun.

Bloemfontein.—Capital of the Orange Free State, 788 miles from Cape Town. Population about 4,000 whites.

Botha's Pass.—A narrow mountain pass, between Natal and the Orange Free State. Important strategic point.

Burglar.—Every male inhabitant of Orange Free State and Transvaal, over 16 years of age, who possesses the franchise, practically all Boers.

Cape Cart.—The usual South African conveyance on two wheels, holding four persons and capable of being driven over almost any obstacle in the South African roads.

Charleston.—A town on the borders of Transvaal, 304 miles from Durban and four from Volksrust. Village in open plain. Could offer no defence if attacked, unless troops between it and the border.

Commandant.—The nominal lieutenant-general of a district, with the rank of a Colonel.

Commando.—The body of Boers collected in the form of an irregular regiment of mounted infantry, for retrograde control, discipline, or organization.

De Aar.—Junction of lines in Cape Colony, 500 miles from Cape Town. Important point for the distribution of troops.

Donga.—The bed of a river or water-hole, usually dry, with steep banks on either side.

Dopper.—The Puritanical ultra-Conservative and retrograde element of the Boer Church. President Kruger is a Dopper.

Dorp.—A village.

Drakensberg.—Mountain range separating the Orange Free State from Natal. Drift.—A ford through a river.

Dundee.—Small town in Natal on Transvaal frontier. Military camp.

Durban.—Only port in Natal. Population about 15,000 natives. Large harbor works.

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The Ottawa Calamity

Several Lives Lost in vastated City—Public Ylug From Sh

The Queen's Voices Empathy in the Affliction—Canada's Capital

Relief on Hug: Scale for—Victoria Daily Share.

Ottawa, April 27.—Evening being concentrated on the of the fire sufferers. The met this morning of a committee of the minister relief funds. The State was present and at the Dominion government tribute \$100,000. The elected to vote a like amount for the relief of the purposes, and this action by a citizens' meeting to the householders, and bread is being erected, and bread is being from all points.

The Queen has sent a sympathy. Mr. Chamberlain House fund.

There was a lively discussion today on the in supply for the parliament. Scott maintained that the not to blame.

The Citizen publishes a dead and missing as follows: Mrs. Bessie Cook, 200 in Eddy's mill; two men, one found in a hot street and one on the C. Missing—John Matthews, Fireman Dunn and Engin.

The Eddy Co. estimates two millions. 100,000 feet of lumber, timber Co. 6,000,000. Export 4,000,000, and Graham 1,000,000.

L. M. Champagne, of H. Wright county, is dying as a result of the shock. Mayor Barrett of Hull is pneumonia from the same.

THE FIRST SUBSIDIARY

Montreal, April 27.—The Insurance Co. of London had office here. The Hull-Ottawa fire sub-Bank of Montreal has contributed to the relief of the sufferers.

Toronto, April 27.—May has issued an appeal for special train this evening. The special meeting of the has been called for to-morrow, and a grand \$25,000.

The legislature this morning, and also passed enabling the municipalities aid on debentures to be raised for the purpose.

Among further subscription from here to-day: American Life, \$1,000; \$1,000. There were a smaller subscription. The night amounts to \$2,500.

started a list this afternoon of goods collected for the relief of the T. Eaton Co. contributing \$1,000 to the Trade fund, and the goods collected in kind thousands sets each of bowls, plates, knives, and spoons, and a number of supplies of butter, cheese, and a thousand tins of corned and loaves of bread, and cases of sundries, etc.

sent two men down to goods, one being the secretary of the company.

The C. E. R. took out a train of goods collected for the relief of the T. Eaton Co. afternoon reached \$3,700.

VICTORIA'S READY

Mayor Hayward Trans Commissioned, While subscriptions Are 1

There never was yet a overtaken by the fire. The bringing misery and a train, that did not find pathetic friend—prayer notices of goods collected for practical evidence. It has always been so; eastern charity officers, and even although the heavy demands of late through distress nearer Hull is not unheard.

Already suggestions with respect to a public sufferers by the great subscriptions are being public departments, the newspaper offices—it is under the law for the capacity to contribute would be cordially approved, in voicing the Canada's westerners, and suffering from the effects of Ottawa and Hull morning.

Citizens of Victoria pained at the news of in your city by fire, and suffers their sympathy, and devote corporation must but prompt action will be substantial sum contributions.

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The Relief Of Kimb

**An Exciting and Clever
Dash in General Fre
Brigade.**

The Boers Very Much ed—Great Loss Horses.

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of General French's dash for
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Koodoes Drift, Feb.

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berley we snort for air in five days. The work has been so far as moving and galloping. I am perfectly well, and the fire repeatedly have mercy spared. We are resting to-day, tomorrow we hope to try and reach Bloemfontein, and be in from three days' time.

We formed up the division and marched out of Mo Camp as soon as it was light or rather before, as we were about in the darkness for a mile and then halted till sunrise. The previous evening Lord Roberts and the various cavalry camps. He saw all commanding officers made a speech. Said we were start on an expedition which I should rejoice at as an opportunity maintaining the traditions of cavalry, that we formed the large

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brought up another big gun at the garrison, killing women and that things there were now and we must make a dash that he would follow us, ask in support with rest of a Kitcheng, had also been there in the morning and said that to relieve Kimberley, even half our force; that if we move after this we might be make a dash for Bloemfontein.

So all this rather altered idea, which was that we were allowed to make straight for Kimberley thus cutting Boer communications generally demoralizing the rest of the army worked round to Kimberley.

was to Ramdan, about twenty miles south and a little east of Mafeking. Ramdan is only a farm-hold on the veldt, with a large water supply and a good well. We arrived within a few days of the enemy, and the general took up quarters in the

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morning, Monday, Febru
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and waited for dawn, and
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which we were to cross soon hold both banks and secure the infantry. About 8 a.m., word of the enemy on our left front. At first we thought it was a patrol, but they soon opened with two guns. The German ground Broadwood's Brigade on our right and hold some key would then become the right position. The ground was in

steep and rocky, very trying. One shell fell just in front and another burst by General the middle of his staff, but The General soon decided for the river and brought

which was Gordon's Brigade retired, but showed in some left, and were evidently prepared to defend a particular drift the thought or hoped we were. The General, decided to drift with Gordon's Brigade.

turner to our right, and unable to cross it by fording and holding opposite bank. The boats could come up. We thought what we thought was two the river to let Gordon do the attack, the General moving the rest remained halted. He sent back for the 3rd vance at the gallop, and engineer officer, Winter We in charge of the pontoons the staff led the way to it could see where it was by line of bushes. We were cited at this, and we dashed

bank as hard as we could. The Boers to fire on us at last. Luckily they weren't. So we got to the water's edge who entered to try to ford, bogged in the sand. How was to secure a position for the creek about half a mile. General got some squadrons as quickly as possible, and covered a track which led further to our right up the bank. The Boers were pressed on in direction which led dead to a ford mounted infantry crossed. We were under fire. In front of the river by the ford, only by galloping—a remnant of the value of cavalry.

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Thus, General French led a river by a feint to his left flank, and then by galloping

